

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 975

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 1997

Mr. GALLEGLY (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. McKEON, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. ACQUISITION OF GOODS AND SERVICES RELAT-**  
4       **ED TO FIREFIGHTING.**

5       The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the  
6       Chief of the Forest Service, may place an order with a

1 major organizational unit within the Department of Agri-  
2 culture or another Federal agency for goods or services  
3 directly related to firefighting without regard to the re-  
4 striction contained in section 1535(a)(4) of title 31, Unit-  
5 ed States Code, that the Secretary determine that the  
6 goods or services cannot be provided by contract as con-  
7 veniently or cheaply by a commercial enterprise.

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